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Francis Boyle is a professor of international law at the University of Illinois College of Law. He received an AB (1971) in Political Science from the University of Chicago, then a JD degree *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School, and AM and PhD degrees in Political Science from Harvard University. He practiced tax and international tax with Bingham, Dana & Gould.

Professor Boyle serves as counsel to Bosnia and Herzegovina and to the Provisional Government of the Palestinian Authority. He also represents two associations of citizens within Bosnia and was involved in developing the indictment against Slobodan Milosević for genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Over his career, he has represented national and international bodies including the Blackfoot Nation (Canada), the Nation of Hawaii, and the Lakota Nation, as well as numerous individual death penalty and human rights cases. He has advised numerous international bodies in the areas of human rights, war crimes and genocide, nuclear policy, and bio-warfare. From 1991-92, he served as Legal Advisor to the Palestinian Delegation to the Middle East Peace Negotiations.

Professor Boyle served on the Board of Directors of Amnesty International, as a consultant to the American Friends Service Committee, and on the Advisory Board for the Council for Responsible Genetics. He drafted the U.S. domestic implementing legislation for the Biological Weapons Convention, known as the Biological Weapons Anti-Terrorism Act of 1989, that was approved unanimously by both Houses of the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President George H.W. Bush.

Education

A.M., J.D., Ph.D. Harvard University
A.B. University of Chicago

Research Interests

Constitutional Law (U.S. Foreign Affairs); Human Rights; Jurisprudence; U.S. Foreign Affairs

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Boyle, F. A., 2021, Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books. 306 p.
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The world court lawsuits by the republic of Iraq against the United States and the United Kingdom

Boyle, F. A., Sep 1 2019, In: Journal of Contemporary Iraq and the Arab World. 13, 2-3, p. 205-216 12 p.
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The criminal conspiracy of the Bush administrations and the protection of Iraq's children

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Free Puerto Rico! Puerto Rico and the Puerto Ricans under International Law

Boyle, F. A., 2016, Editorial Boriken, PR.
Research output: Book/Report/Conference proceeding › Book

The Tamil Genocide by Sri Lanka

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Activities

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Membership of board

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Francis A Boyle (Member)
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Palestine Human Rights Campaign (External organization)

Francis A Boyle (Member)
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International Third World Legal Studies Association (External organization)

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Human Rights Research Foundation (External organization)

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Honors & Recognition

Dare to Speak Out Award

Boyle, Francis A (Recipient), 1997
Prize

Outstanding Achievement Award

Boyle, Francis A (Recipient), 2012
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